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Seven Candidates File Nominations for City Offices

Five Filed For Council, Clerk Files

Five candidates have put themselves in the running for the City Council elections April 13, and incumbents of the two other city offices at stake have formally entered their names for re-election as the time for filing nominations nears deadline. Final date nominations may be filed is noon, March 4.



A. H. BARTLETT ... In Ninth Race



Willys Blount ... To Run Again



FRANCIS W. BURK ... Files Petition



ALVIN K. HILL ... Enters Council Race



ALBERT ISEN ... Hat in Ring



MRS. HARRIETT LEECH ... Seeks Re-Election



MRS. HERMA TILLIM ... Files Nomination

In the Council race is Willys G. Blount, of 1444 El Prado, who now holds one of the two seats at stake in the city election. Also filed are nominations for Atty. Albert Isen, 1504 Encina; Francis W. Burk, 5104 Zakon Rd.; Alvin K. Hill, 1645 Greenwood Ave.; and Mrs. Herma Tillim, 16914 Osage Ave.

Formally in the election are City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who is seeking his ninth term in the office; and City Treasurer Harriett Leech, who won the office two years ago without opposition. No opposition has appeared yet for these two offices.

Hardly had the ink dried on the first petition before the campaign opened. Candidate Isen opened his bid for election in an appearance before the Oil Workers' Local last Wednesday at the CIO hall on Border Ave. He charged that the safety of the people of Torrance is being jeopardized by maintaining fire and police protection and recreational facilities on the "level of a much smaller community."

Isen endorsed the bond issues concerning the fire department and recreational facilities and urged a strong vote in their favor. The candidacy of the only woman in the Councilmanic race is being backed by the members of the Business and Professional Women's Club here. She is Mrs. Herma Tillim, who has a private employment service, the Torrance Personnel Agency here. In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Tillim released the following statement:

"If it is good for the youth of Torrance it is good for Torrance and I am for it. The National Business and Professional Women's Club of Torrance sponsored my candidacy for the City Council because they feel that my business has put me in a position to know the needs of Torrance. My living depends on solving your problems. If you are an employer I am always aware of your difficulties in getting and keeping qualified help. If you are a worker I am working for you to find suitable employment—to consider your transportation problems—your housing problems.

"My work the past year with the Youth Employment Service (over 600 youngsters have registered for this free service) has certainly made me aware of the problems of your children. I own my home in Torrance and intend to stay here the rest of my life. My platform, which has grown out of my daily contact with you and your problems: "Better recreation facilities for the youth of Torrance. "Better transportation for our new and outlying developments into Torrance to take advantage of our shopping facilities as well as getting to and from work. "A true balance between housing and industrial development. "Stable labor on one hand and permanent jobs on the other that Torrance may continue to be the City of Opportunity."



CORONATION SCENE ... played here by Sandra Lea Constance, Miss Torrance of 1953, and Miss Universe of 1953 in July with '54 winners of the beauty titles.

Miss Universe Winner to Crown Torrance Queen Again This Year

Following tradition set last year, "Miss Universe of 1954" will help crown the new "Miss Torrance" when she is chosen during the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., contest, to be held at the Civic Auditorium during the later part of July. James Van Dyck, director of the local music organization and a member of the "Miss Universe Beauty Pageant" committee which stages the contest in Long Beach each year, has

Retired Teacher Leaves Estate Worth \$36,000

Mrs. Mabel Taylor Boynton, 65, of 1806 Post Ave., left an estate valued at \$36,000, according to a petition to admit the will to probate. Filed in Superior Court on Feb. 4, the will named Fred Hansen, 3132 Torrance Blvd., executor. A bequest of \$100 a month was left to Mrs. Boynton's mother, Mrs. Bessie McKinsey, 86 of Long Beach. Remainder of the estate went to relatives and friends.

Appropriate \$1900 for Improvements at Beach

Improvements totaling \$1900 in value will be made at Clifton County Beach, adjacent to Torrance Beach, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced yesterday. The monies, voted by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, will be used for improvement of the parking lot and to landscape the area between the parking lot and the public sidewalk, Chace said.



FOUR TIME WINNER ... David A. Pilon of 4115 W. 175 St., shows the picture which won him a fourth consecutive Freedoms Foundation award in ceremonies conducted on Washington's Birthday at Valley Forge, Pa. Pilon was cited by the President's brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, for "outstanding work for freedom in 1953."

Photographer Wins Freedom Award For 4th Year In Row

For the fourth consecutive year, Torrance photographer David A. Pilon, 33, has been cited by Freedoms Foundation for "outstanding work for freedom" in 1953, and has been presented with a distinguished service award and a \$50 cash prize for his second place picture. A total of 817 American citizens, organizations and schools were named as winners on Monday, Washington's Birthday, in ceremonies conducted by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower—the president's brother—in historic Valley Forge, Pa. Pilon, who lives at 4115 W. 175th St. with his wife and three

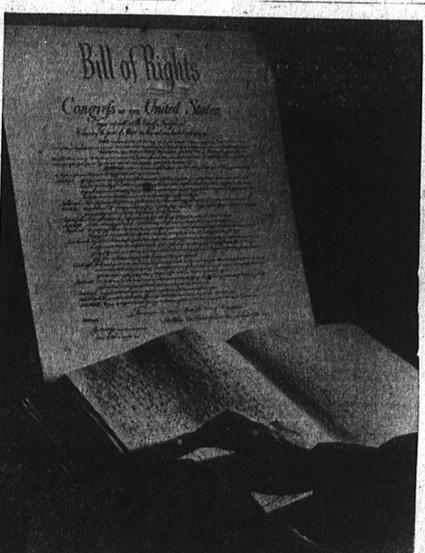
YM Needs Help To Reach Fund Goal by Feb. 28

Workers with cards must continue their efforts on the double if they are to reach the YWCA financial goal of \$12,500 by Feb. 28, Charles Mullen, campaign manager, said this week. For only 28 per cent of the goal had been reached by last Monday. Only 99 prospects have been seen to date, however, so the average gift is above last year's, he said. Many more workers are needed, he continued, and those willing to give their time may call the YM at FAIRfax 8-1272. By divisions the campaign report to date is as follows: Commercial—32 cards—\$821.50 Professional—22 cards—776.19 Industrial—23 cards—1615.00 Fire, 22 cards—357.00 Total—69 cards—\$3559.69

children, was awarded second place in the photography division of the contest for his picture entitled "Freedom From Darkness." The picture shows the Bill of Rights and the hand of a blind man reading the Bill in a Braille book. Pilon took the photo with a Medallist camera at one-tenth of a second at f:32, using one 500-watt spotlight crosslighted for texture. A gold George Washington honor medal went to winners in advertising campaigns, company articles, 16mm motion pictures, radio programs and television programs. Dr. Eisenhower, president of the Pennsylvania State University, said the special awards were in recognition of "extraordinary merit in the nation's interest."

Pilon will no doubt find use for his prize money. His wife, Margaret, just presented him with a daughter, Mary Margaret, 4, and another son, David, 2. The Pilon family have lived in Torrance for eight months and formerly lived in Inglewood. Pilon is a graduate of Inglewood High School. The photographer entered the Freedom contest in September by mailing his picture to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Anyone can enter, he says.

Mothers Club Slates Saturday Pot-Luck Juniper Serra Mothers Club will hold a potluck dinner Saturday, Feb. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the school grounds, Van Ness and Compton Blvds., Mrs. Pauline Peck, press chairman, said this week. The meal will be served cafeteria style and the public is invited to attend.



GETS AWARD ... The above photo by David A. Pilon was awarded second prize in the photography division of the National Freedoms Foundation contest. It shows the hands of a blind man reading the Bill of Rights in Braille and is entitled "Freedom From Darkness." Pilon took it with a Medallist camera at one-tenth of a second at f:32. One 500 watt spotlight was used for cross lighting, to give the picture texture.

South Bay Republicans Name Chiefs; Plan Membership Drive

Serving as president of the South Bay branch of the 46th District Republican Assembly is Carlton Darling, prominent in South Bay real estate circles. The group is a newly organized Republican club for men and women of the South Bay. Its membership will embrace Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Hollywood Riviera, and other portions of Torrance which are included in the 46th Assembly District. Elected at a recent Assembly meeting held at Center St. School in Manhattan Beach, Darling will be assisted by Mrs. Clayton Thomas of Redondo Beach, who was named vice-president. Mrs. Thomas also is recording secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women and president of the South Bay Club of Republican Women. Other leaders are Miss Gerry Crall of Hermosa Beach, secretary; and H. V. Jeffrey of Rolling Hills, treasurer. Two appointments to the executive board of the Assembly will be filed by Mrs. Clyde C. Haslet of Torrance, press chairman, and William R. Sweeney of Manhattan Beach, membership chairman, Darling announced.

The Assembly was formed three months ago and already has an active membership of over 70. Mrs. Haslet reported. This figure is expected to soar to new heights during a forthcoming membership campaign under Sweeney's direction, she said. Aims of the group will be to rally all interested rank and file Republicans into taking an active part in their community elections and to inform them of current policies at all levels of government. Mrs. Haslet continued. During the month ahead, the Assembly expects to bring to the South Bay area some of the finest speakers available on important current events. In accepting his office, the president told members attending the February meeting: "In the coming year we will strive to make this an ever-growing group—growing in size, influence and service to the community. It will not be an organization governed by a small clique, but one governed by majority rule and the active participation of all members. "Only in this way can we achieve the goals for which our group was formed. On this basis we solicit the membership of all those in the South Bay area who are interested in the election of honest and capable officials and in good government at all levels." The March South Bay Assembly meeting will be a joint one with both the Peninsula and Westchester branches of the 46th District participating. Location will be announced prior to the date of the session, slated for March 9.

Coming Events

Tuesday, March 9—School Bond Election, Torrance Unified School District. Thursday and Friday, March 11-12—Torrance Herald Cooking School, Civic Auditorium. Tuesday, April 13—Municipal and primary election. Apr. 19—JayCette dance, Club Alondra. May 21, 22, 23—Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, Civic Auditorium.